

### **REMARKS**

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments made to the claims and for the remarks made herein.

Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1 and 7-10 are independent claims.

Claims 1-4 and 7-10 stand rejected.

Claims 5 and 6 are objected to, as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 6, 7 and 8 have been amended.

Claims 5 and 9-10 have been cancelled.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5 and 6 and has elected to amend claims 1, 7 and 8 to include the subject matter of claim 5 therein. Claim 6, which depends from claim 5, has been amended to depend from amended claim 1.

Claims 7 and 8 have also been amended to include the subject matter of claim 5. To incorporate the subject matter of claim 5 into claims 7 and 8 additional elements have been added to claims 7 and 8. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments may be found at least on page 5, lines 28-page 6, line 13 and page 8, lines 13-25.

For the amendments made to the claims, applicant submits that all the claims are in a form that the Examiner indicated to be allowable.

Claims 1-2 and 7-10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Bottomley (USPPA 2003/0215003), claim 3 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bottomley and Lundby (USP no. 6,625,197) and claim 4 stands

rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bottomley in view of Lundby and further in view of Baltersee (USP no. 7,203,220).

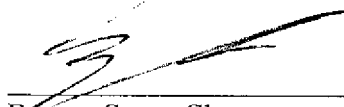
Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the rejection of the aforementioned claims. However, in the interest of advancing the prosecution of this matter, applicant has elected to amend the claims to place the claims in a form indicated to be allowable.

For the amendments made to the claims, applicant submits that the rejection of the claims is no longer relevant and respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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